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OF THE

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AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Mrs. C. M. Bromley (from 22nd November 1965)

Council Offices,
Cross Street,
Lees,
Near Oldham.

August, 1966.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Health of the District in 1965 and hope that this will again be found a useful source of easy reference.

The mid-year estimated population of 3,710 is an increase of 30 on 1964 figures. The 56 births and 73 deaths give adjusted rates of 18.6 (Birth) and 15.3 (Death) to compare with national rates of 18.1 and 11.5 respectively. As members will appreciate it is unwise to attempt to draw conclusions from minor variations in birth and mortality rates in a small district from year to year, and one must look more for patterns of change over a decade or more.

There was again a reduction in notifications of infectious disease due to a very low incidence of measles during the year, and you may regard the total notifications (23) as indicative of a generally satisfactory state, although one must always view both food poisoning and dysentery with some concern.

23 new houses were completed in the District in 1965 and 36 houses demolished under Section 17 Housing Act procedure. No clearance areas were represented and, by reason of his many other urgent commitments, your Public Health Inspector was not able to bring forward his firm proposals for a first smoke control area, but these have since been laid before you.

In April, 1965, your Council received and considered the Periodic report of the County Medical Officer of Health, as submitted to the County Public Health and Housing Committee. This extremely valuable document is essentially a critical appraisal by expert technical staff and drew attention to the principal problems found by the District in environmental hygiene. One item of principal concern to which your Public Health Inspector draws attention later in this report is the urgent need to secure tipping facilities at Birks Quarry as soon as possible.

Before concluding this letter I would like to express my thanks to Dr. Foster, formally your Deputy M.O.H., who resigned in October to take up a more senior appointment in the Ashton area. I would also express my thanks to Miss Wormald for her long service to the Public Health Department.

Finally Mr. Chairman, I must thank you and your Committee for your support during the year and also the Clerk and Mr. Rustidge for their ever-willing assistance, not least in the preparation of this report.

I am Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

Gilbert R. Brackenridge,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

(1)

Area in acres 288

Population.

Census 1961 3,730

Estimated Mid 1965 3,710

Number of Inhabited Houses.

Estimated 1965 1,521

Rateable Value £100,962

Sum represented by a Penny Rate £353

General rate per pound 1965/66 .....10s. 9d.

(2)

General Characteristics and Social Conditions of the District

The Urban District is situated between the eastern boundary of Oldham County Borough and the western boundary of Saddleworth Urban District, the latter boundary also being the County Borough between Lancashire and Yorkshire.

Three factories and three cotton mills provide the main source of employment, other than the selling of commodities by retail.

Two major roads serve the district, Huddersfield Road being a section of the Liverpool - Leeds - Hull A.62 Trunk Road, and High Street A.669 on which the majority of the shop premises are situated.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births (Total) 56

	Males	Females
Legitimate	25	27
Illegitimate	1	3

Live Birth Rate per 1000 population:-

Crude Rate 15.1
Adjusted Rate 18.6
(Comparability Factor 1.23)

Illegitimate Live Births per cent total of live births 7.14
Stillbirths 1
Stillbirth rate per 1000 live and still births 17.5
Total live and still births 57
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year) 1

	Males	Females
Legitimate	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births 17.9
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births 19.2
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births ..... Nil
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births)..... 17.9
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total Live births 17.9
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and still births) 35.1
Maternal Mortality Rate (Including abortion) ..... Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 live and stillbirths ..... Nil

Total deaths (all ages) 73

Death Rate per 1000 population:-

Crude Rate 19.7
Adjusted Rate 15.3
(Comparability Factor 0.78)

Principal Causes of Deaths:-

Diseases of Heart and Circulation 32
Cancer all sites 11
Vascular lesions of the nervous system 10

Comparability Factor.

This factor takes into account the age and sex structure of the local population as compared with that of England and Wales as a whole, and makes it possible to compare local birth and death rates with the corresponding national rates.

CENSUS INFORMATION - 1961.

	Total Population	3,730	100%
CHILDREN	Pre-School - Up to 5 years old	213	5.5
	School children - 5 - 14 inclusive	517	14.0
	Total children under 15	730	19.5
MEN	15.-64 "Working Population"	1,174	31.5
WOMEN	15 - 44 "Reproductive Population"	633	17.1
	45 - 60	461	12.0
ELDERLY PERSONS	Women, 60 and over	504	13.5
	Men, 65 and over	223	6.0
	Total Pensionable	727	19.5

	Total Households		1,400	100%
Tenure	Owner-occupied		671	48.0
	Local Authority owned		82	6.0
	Rented unfurnished		569	40.5
	Other tenures		78	5.5
Amenities	Without exclusive use.	Cold water tap	1	-
		Hot Water system	549	39.0
		Fixed bath	712	51.0
		W.C.	372	26.5
	With all four above amenities		661	47.0

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS

		1965	1964	1963	1960	1955
Population		3,710	3,680	3,730	3,890	4,160
Live Births	No.	56	71	62	44	59
	Adj.Rate	18.3	23.7	20.4	12.4	16.0
Stillbirths	No.	1	1	1	1	1
	Rate	17.5	13.9	15.9	22.2	17
Total live and Still Births	No.	57	72	63	45	60
Total Infant Deaths	No.	1	1	1	2	1
	Rate	17.9	14.1	16.1	45.5	17
Maternal Deaths	No.	0	0	0	0	0
	Rate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Deaths	No.	73	74	64	59	68
	Adj.Rate	15.3	17.7	15.1	15.8	15.9

CAUSES OF DEATH

	M.	F.	1965 Total	1964 Total	1963 Total	1960 Total	1955 Total
Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
(N.P.)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Malignant neoplasms -							
Stomach	2	1	3	-	4	1	2
Breast	-	1	1	-	1	2	-
Lung & Bronchus	2	-	2	1	1	-	1
Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other sites	2	3	5	11	8	4	3
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	7	10	9	11	11	9
Coronary Disease, angina	8	2	10	12	6	9	14
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1	2	-	-	3
Other heart disease	4	8	12	10	8	9	11
Other circulatory disease	4	5	9	12	5	7	5
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	1	2	3	4	3	1
Bronchitis	5	1	6	4	6	5	4
Other disease of respiratory system	-	1	1	1	1	1	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	2	3	2	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pregnancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined disease	2	1	3	5	4	1	5
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
All other accidents	-	2	2	-	1	-	1
Suicide	-	1	1	1	2	-	2
Totals	36	37	73	74	64	59	68

DEATHS - BY AGE GROUPS.

	M.	F.	1965 Total	1964 Total	1963 Total	1960 Total	1955 Total
Under 1	-	1	1	1	1	2	1
1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
15 -	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
25 -	2	-	2	1	2	-	3
45 -	11	7	18	12	10	19	19
65 -	10	11	21	21	23	) 38	) 45
Over 75	12	18	30	38	27	)	)
Totals ...	36	37	73	74	64	59	68

INFANT MORTALITY - 1965.

Cause of death	Under 1 day	1 to 6 days	1 to 4 weeks	1 - 3 months	3 - 12 months	Total
Other diseases	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total	1	-	-	-	-	1

INFANT MORTALITY AND STILLBIRTHS - COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	1965	1964	1963	1960	1955
STILLBIRTH RATE (per 1000 total births)	17.5	13.9	15.9	22.2	17.0
NEO-NATAL RATE (Per 1000 live births)	17.9	14.1	Nil	Nil	17.0
INFANT MORTALITY RATE (Per 1000 live births)	17.9	14.1	16.1	45.5	17.0

PREVALENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE - 1965.

(Other than Tuberculosis)

Notifiable Disease	Total cases at all ages	Total Notified Cases in Age Groups											Removed to Hospital	Deaths
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-		
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	10	1	1	3	2		2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	7	-	2	-	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Food Poisoning	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals ...	23	2	3	3	4	-	3	2	2	1	-	3	-	-

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

YEARLY TOTALS.

	1965	1964	1963	1960	1955
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	1	3	2	14
Measles	10	20	25	43	29
Whooping Cough	-	2	1	3	1
Poliomyelitis	-	-	1	1	-
Dysentery	7	6	35	6	28
Food Poisoning	4	2	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	1	1	1	3	3
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	1	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	-	1	-
Totals ...	23	36	66	59	75

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

General

The total incidence of notifiable infectious disease was low throughout the year.

Measles.

Notifications were only 50% of 1964 returns.

Whooping Cough.

With routine immunisation in infancy, this potentially serious disease should now be a comparative rarity.

Poliomyelitis; Diphtheria; Smallpox.

No case of these diseases occurred in the year. It is however essential that, to ensure a proper level of community resistance, parents ensure that their children receive appropriate immunisations in infancy. The present low smallpox vaccination rate (only some 25-30% of infants vaccinated) gives no ground for complacency.

Dysentery.

One fewer case was notified in 1964. Although not usually a serious disease, dysentery has a considerable nuisance value particularly in schools and its prevalence may be regarded as an adverse indicator of general levels of community hygiene.

Food Poisoning.

As with dysentery, the prevalence of this disease can be regarded as inversely proportionate to good standards of hygiene. Although individual cases rarely suffer any long term effects, they do throw a considerable burden on Health departments in an endeavour to trace the source of infection and eliminate possible spread by food-handlers.

Tuberculosis

Although 3 new cases were notified during the year, there was a net reduction of 1 case on the register at 31st December, 1965, with 24 cases remaining on the register.

Pathological Specimens

During the year 67 faeces samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Withington, Manchester, and 19 yielded positive results for pathogenic organisms.

CASES NOTIFIED AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING 1965.

Ages	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total...	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3		-		-		-	

PROVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Services under the National Health Service Act and related legislation are provided by Lancashire County Council. For these purposes Lees forms part of Health Division No. 14. The Divisional Health Office is situated at "Tylon", Middleton Road, Chadderton. (Tel: MAIn 6251).

The Assistant Divisional Medical Officer based part-time at High Street Clinic is Dr. T. W. Sherratt.

MATERNITY SERVICES.

Mrs. F. M. M. Hughes of 7, Fern Close, Off Bridge Street, Springhead (MAIn 0039) is employed as Midwife to serve this district. Relief duties are carried out by other midwives as necessary.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

Ante-natal clinics are held at the High Street Clinic, Lees on the second and fourth Monday in each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

Mrs. E. Lindley, Health Visitor can be contacted at the High Street Clinic, Lees, every morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Clinics are held as follows:-

Child Welfare	2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Wednesday
Dental	9 a.m. to 12 noon each Wednesday.

Welfare foods are obtainable at the Child Welfare Sessions at the High Street Clinic.

HOME NURSING.

District Nursing service is provided by Health Division No. 14 and the District Nurse living within this area is Mrs. A. Welsby of 130, Spring Lane, Lees (Tel: MAIn 9622).

A male nurse is available for certain cases.

MENTAL HEALTH.

A staff of Mental Welfare Officers who are based at Divisional Health Office, work in co-operation with hospital staffs and general practitioners in all mental welfare matters.

CHIROPODY SERVICES.

Chiropody Clinics are held at the High Street Clinic every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon with the occasional Tuesday morning when demands call.

AMBULANCE SERVICES.

The ambulance service is administered by Health Division No. 14 and is under radio-control from a Control Centre at Radcliffe (Tel: RAD 3021).

HOME HELP SERVICES.

Home Helps are available to attend households where necessary in cases of confinement, illnesses, old age and infirmity. Application for the services of a Home Help should be made to the Home Help Organiser, Divisional Health Office.

WELFARE SERVICES.

Residential accommodation for elderly persons in need of care and attention not otherwise available is provided by the County Council in seven homes for the elderly in Division 14.

The Statutory services - Health Visitors, Home Nurses, Home Helps and Chiropody services co-operate with the voluntary bodies providing meals on wheels, Home Visiting, etc.

CHILDRENS ACT 1948.

Statutory Services under this Act and related legislation are carried out by the Lancashire County Council at the Childrens Department, Danville House, Ashton-under-Lyne (Tel: ASHton 2933).

HOSPITAL AND CLINIC FACILITIES.

The Oldham Royal Infirmary and Oldham District General Hospital provide all general Hospital services for this district. Infectious disease cases are usually admitted to Westhulme Hospital, Oldham, whilst some infectious disease patients are admitted to specialist hospitals in the Manchester district.

The Tuberculosis Chest Clinic at Oldham & District General Hospital provides facilities for examination of residents of this district.

Treatment Centres for Venereal Disease are available at:-

District Infirmary, Ashton .. .. Tel ASHton 1611
Oldham & District General Hospital .. .. .. Tel: MAIn 3181
Municipal Clinic, 80, Baillie Street, Rochdale .. Tel: Rochdale 47474

The Urban District Council is responsible for those matters likely to affect or be concerned with the maintenance of high standards of environmental health. These include:-

Inspection of houses re fitness for human habitation.
Control of infectious disease (Including food poisoning)
Control of food and food preparing premises.
Provision of suitable water supplies.
Detection and prevention of nuisances.
Prevention of atmospheric pollution.
Control of rodent and insect infestation.
Collection and disposal of refuse.
Provision of sanitary accommodation and public conveniences.

Council Offices,
Cross Street,
Lees.

July, 1966.

Report of the Public Health Inspector
To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

The Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1965, is presented herewith, detailing aspects of the work carried out by the department during the year.

Progress on the demolition of sub-standard houses has been made, but the lack of re-housing facilities has precluded the immediate clearance of several blocks of property which remain occupied in parts. The Council has considered the question of housing development on the Further Hey Hill Site, and tenders have been invited for the building of bungalows, two and three bedroom houses and also an Aged Persons Block.

Refuse Collection and Disposal has presented some difficulties during the year. The Side Loader Collector too small in capacity of 8/10 cu. yards in many instances seems too small to cope with the increased bulk in domestic refuse. The weekly collection has been maintained. Negotiations for the new tipping site at Birks Quarry are being delayed due to various reasons beyond Council control, and a new site is becoming imperative.

The appointment of Mrs. Bradley following the resignation of Miss Wormald has continued the smooth working of the department, and I would extend my thanks to the Medical Officer, Clerk and Officials for their assistance and the Chairman and Committee Members for their support during the year.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Rustidge,
Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

As the district does not have its own sewage disposal works sewage, which is drained from the whole of the district, is dealt with by the Oldham County Borough. The rate of flow is measured by Lea Recorders at the three main junctions and treated at the Oldham disposal works at Slack Valley in the Chadderton Urban District.

28 dwellings were connected into the sewer system during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Regular weekly collection by one team of three men with one side loader diesel engined vehicle. A new rear loading vehicle with greater capacity is to be considered for acquisition in the coming year. 1,491 loads of refuse were disposed of at the Further Ley Tip during 1965.

25 tons. 16 cwt., of tins were recovered from the tip as salvage. On the sale of this salvage throughout the year, £60 was received for same. The refuse on the face of the tip is levelled by hand and the paper incinerated at the top of the tip. A form of mechanical loader is to be considered by the Council for levelling work on the Tip in the coming financial year.

Negotiations are now in progress through the District Valuer for the use of Birks Quarry, Austerlands, for a new tipping site.

The cost of replacement of dustbins by the Council is borne by the General Rate Fund. The number of B.S.S. dustbins supplied during the year totalled 100, the total number of moveable dustbins in the district being 1610.

RODENT CONTROL.

Two members of the road maintenance staff who have attended Ministry courses of instruction regarding rodent destruction, deal with all the necessary work in this connection. (No full-time rodent operative is employed). These operatives attend periodic refresher courses arranged by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

A bi-annual sewer maintenance treatment is carried out using Fluoracetamide and this has proved to be satisfactory.

Complaints of rodent infestation are handled promptly and 38 rat and mouse infestations were successfully treated throughout the year.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

All houses in the district are on the water carriage system. There are still approximately 350 dwellings without a separate fresh water closet and 38 waste water closets remaining within the district.

Number of waste water closets end 1965	38
Number of conversions during the year	Nil
Number of fresh water closets	1601
Number of houses on water carriage system	1513

SMOKE ABATEMENT

Five observations were taken on the four chimneys serving furnaces in the district. No special action was taken.

WATER SUPPLY.

The whole of the district is served with Upland Surface Water by the Oldham Corporation Waterworks. At the source, the water is filtered and sterilized by the Chloramine process.

During the year, eleven samples for bacteriological examination were taken by the Local Authority and Oldham Corporation Waterworks Department at various points in the district. All were tested and reported as satisfactory.

During 1965, arrangements were made by the Local Authority for the cleansing of the branch pipes serving several blocks of dwellings. On completion, all were reported to be satisfactory.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The controlling Authority for the streams in the area is the Mersey and Weaver Authority, the two most notable streams being the River Medlock and Thornley Brook.

A surface water culvert from Saddleworth at the junction of Don Lane and St. John Street became choked in July and collapsed. Complete repair and cleansing of the culvert by the Local Authority and diversion of water mains by the Water Authority has rectified the occurrence.

The continuation of unauthorised tipping into the main water course in the district has made it necessary for continual inspection and cleansing of those water courses in order to prevent nuisances.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

During 1965, 906 visits were made to 565 premises, mainly:-

392 dwellinghouses
100 shops
9 schools
27 factories

In the dwellinghouses 217 defects or nuisances were discovered and 181 of same were remedied. It became necessary to serve 18 Statutory Notices in order that the essential repairs were carried out. 83 Informal Notices were served and in the majority of cases these, together with personal visits, produced the required results.

DISINFESTATION.

8 houses in the district were found to be verminous and each of these was cleared satisfactorily with Lindane/DDT treatment.

SCHOOLS.

There are five schools in the district, one of these being a private school. They are all served with mains water supply and connected to drainage systems.

Facilities for washing in two of the schools are below standard and in three schools the provision of drinking water for pupils is unsatisfactory.

FACTORIES

There are 24 factories to which 27 visits were made. 3 informal notices under the act were issued and were found to be remedied upon reinspection.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises.

One new registration was made during the year, and an inspection of registered premises was made.

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	No. of premises reg. during the year	No. of Reg. premises at end of year	No of reg. premises receiving a general inspection during year.
Offices	-	2	2
Retail Shops	1	24	24
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	-	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	-	6	6
Fuel storage depots	-	2	2
	-	35	35

RODENT CONTROL WORK

	Local Authority	Dwelling houses	Other premises	Agriculture
Number of properties in the district	3	1525	423	2
Number of properties inspected	13	50	51	4
Total inspections carried out (including re-inspect.)	16	91	42	4
No. of properties found to be infested by:-				
Rats - Major	-	-	-	-
- Minor	-	18	2	-
Mice - Major	-	-	-	-
- Minor	-	10	8	-
No. of infested properties treated	-	28	10	-
Total treatments carried out(including re-treatments)	-	28	10	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The selling of food is the main type of trade carried out by the shops in the district, 58 out of a total of 86 shops selling food for human consumption.

The following list sets out the various trades:-

General grocers and provision dealers	24
Greengrocers and fruiterers	4
Fishmongers	1
Butchers	6
Bakers and/or confectioners	4
Fried Fish shops	4
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery minerals, ice-cream, etc.	4
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments.	11
	58

The number of visits paid to the above premises totalled 86.

Milk

Licenses for pasteurised, sterilized and untreated milk are issued by the County Council.

A total of 18 milk samples were taken including 3 Channel Island milks, all of which were found to be satisfactory.

The Local Authority also submitted 3 samples, one of which failed the test; The Ministry of Agriculture was notified accordingly.

Ice Cream.

No ice-cream is manufactured in Lees except for that sold from mobile vans, this commodity is retailed in wrapped form from registered premises in the area. 4 samples were submitted during 1965 to the Public Health Laboratory.

Slaughter Houses.

No Slaughter Houses are registered in the district.

Sampling of Food.

The Lancashire County Council carry out food sampling in the district and the following were obtained during 1965:-

1 pineapple juice, canned
1 pineapple juice, opened tin
1 portion of bread
1 Cooking fat
1 British Cream Wine
1 British Ruby Wine
2 Dried Fruits
1 Beef Suet

Sampling of Food (Cont'd..)

The County Analyst gave adverse reports on:-

Sample	Result of Analyst	Action taken
One pineapple juice, canned	Sample consisted of 2 unopened cans. One was genuine while the second contained a small dead beetle 2.7 mm's long of the genus anthicus. Did not appear to be a British species.	Complainant informed and importers
One pineapple juice, opened	Contained a dead beetle 4.3 mm's long of the nature of the confused flour beetle.	communicated with.
1 portion of Bread	Contained discoloured starchy material stained with 0.27% copper and 0.306% iron with 0.254% zinc including distorted cotton fibres and 0.01 gramme of mineral oil weighing in all 0.685 gramme.	Bakers severely cautioned.

HOUSING.

1. Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(i)	By the Local Authority	Nil
(ii)	By other bodies or persons	23

2. Total Number of Council owned dwellings at the end of year - 119.

3. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-

(i) a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	167
b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose	182
c)	Number of dwelling houses in a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	126
(ii)	Total number of dwelling houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit (estimated)	69

4. Houses Demolished

	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
Not in clearance areas. As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	36	41	23

5. Unfit Houses Closed

	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
Under Sections 16(4) 17(1) and 25(1) Housing Act, 1957.	17	11	5

6. Unfit Houses made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(i) After informal action by Local Authority.	79	Nil
(ii) After formal notice under -		
(a) Public Health Acts.	11	Nil
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act 1957.	Nil	Nil

7. Number of Unfit Houses in Temporary Use, Housing Act 1957 Nil

8. Number of Houses purchased by Agreement Nil

9. Number of Clearance Areas represented. Nil

10. Housing Act 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 Improvement Grants

No applications have been submitted to the Council during the year for Improvement Grants.

The Council do not make a practise of approving such grants.

11. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Housing Acts 1961 and 1964. Standard Grants.

	Number of dwellings or other buildings affected
Action during the year:-	
(i) Applications submitted to Local Authority for improvement to full standard	48
(ii) Applications approved by Local Authority for improvement to reduced standard.	Nil
(iii) Total applications approved by Local Authority.	47
(iv) Work completed	30

The number of Grants paid during the year was 29, total amount being £3,354. 0. 0d.

12. Housing List

At the end of 1965, the requirements for houses were as follows:-

65 - 1 bedroom accommodation
19 - 2 bedroom accommodation
19 - 3 bedroom accommodation

10 known cases of overcrowding existed at the end of the year. Several of these cases are included in the clearance programme.

FACTORIES

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	5	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	19	21	3	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises).	-	-	-	-
Total	24	27	3	-

Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred: To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-Work)	-	-	-	-	-
	3	3	-	-	-

Outworkers

Nature of work. (1)		Section 133: No. of out workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c). (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	Section 134: No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing apparel	Making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing apparel	Cleaning & Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-